

UNIFORMS AND DRESS CODE

Uniform Guidelines

Students' pride at Pope John XXIII Middle School is reflected in many ways, but most visibly in the school uniform. All school uniforms must be purchased at the Flynn O'Hara Store. ***Students wearing uniform pieces that are not branded from Flynn O'Hara will be deemed as a violation of our school dress code.***

The teachers and administrators of Pope John XXIII Middle School have the right and responsibility to remedy any behavior, inclusive of student dress, that undermines the spirit of proper school decorum. Pope John XXIII Middle School dress code is intended to reinforce a climate of learning, a sense of pride in one's own appearance, and respect for the environment in which our students work. It will be enforced throughout the entire school day from the time students arrive at school until they depart at the end of the day.

The following information should be considered in light of these goals and interpreted as a guide, not a hard set of rules whose limits can be tested by students. Just because a specific practice might not be addressed in writing below does not mean that it will not be addressed in practice by school authorities.

In addition, fifth through seventh grade students will be deemed knowledgeable of the code and its intent and held responsible for their own appearance. As a result, warning notices will not be issued to these students before a consequence such as detention is given.

Girls	Summer Uniform	Winter Uniform
Bottoms	Navy & white plaid skirt <i>(No more than 3" above the knee)</i> or navy pants	<p>The addition of a navy v-neck sweater vest or navy long sleeved pullover sweater with school logo is required from November 15 through April 15.</p> <p>**Grade 7 students have the option of purchasing a v-neck varsity cardigan sweater</p>
Tops	Ash long/short-sleeved banded bottom shirt with school logo	
Socks	Navy opaque nylon knee-high Navy orlon knee-high Navy opaque/ribbed tights	
Shoes	Burgundy brush leather women's loafer Black leather women's Eastland Oxford shoe Sperry boat shoe	

Boys	Winter Uniform	Summer Uniform
Bottoms	Navy flat front pants	The addition of a navy v-neck sweater vest or navy long sleeved pullover sweater with school logo is required from November 15 through April 15. **Grade 7 students have the option of purchasing a v-neck varsity cardigan sweater
Tops	Ash long/short-sleeved polo shirt with school logo	
Accessories	Black/brown reversible belt Navy crew socks	
Shoes	Black penny loafers for men Black leather men's Eastland Oxford shoe Sperry boat shoe	

Jewelry: Jewelry should be limited to one watch, one ring, and simple crosses or holy medals on a narrow silver or gold chain. Appropriate religious necklaces, a single inconspicuous stud earring located in a girl's lobe, or a single bracelet is allowed. Any jewelry considered inappropriate or distracting (e.g. heavy metal chains, leather, and nose rings) cannot be worn. No body piercing except pierced ears for girls. Girls may wear **one** pair of earrings not larger than a dime and without hoops. Boys may not wear earrings of any kind. Watches with a beeping device should be disconnected during the school day. Watches that beep will be taken away and may be claimed on the last day of the school year

Hair: Students are to be clean and dressed neatly with hair being trimmed conservatively. This applies to both boys and girls – no Mohawks or faux hawks. Boys' hair length should be maintained above the brow, ear, and shirt collar. Extreme hair coloring and bleaching are not permitted.

Cosmetics: The use of cosmetics is not encouraged. However, if girls choose to use cosmetics of any kind, it must be modestly applied and naturally pigmented. Dark eye make-up, eyeliner, lip gloss/stick, and nail colors are not permitted.

Socks: Boys must wear dark socks with their school uniform. Girls' socks and/or tights must be navy.

General: During the months of January and February girls may wear plain navy-blue sweatpants under their uniform during arrival, recess, and dismissal. However, pajama style pants may not be worn at any time.

Sloppy dress such as shirts not tucked, unbuttoned collars, and skirts rolled at the waist will not be tolerated, nor will inappropriate hemlines (i.e. more than 3 inches above the knee) or exposed midriffs. Underclothing is not to be visible, nor clash with the school's uniform.

The uniform should be clean and pressed with all buttons attached and hem intact. Shirrtails should be tucked in while a student is on campus unless the uniform style shirt includes an elastic band at the

waist. Belts must be worn at all times when a shirt is tucked into pants or shorts with belt loops. Belts may be navy, brown, or black.

Physical Education Uniform

All Gym Uniforms must be purchased from the online store, Team Sports. There is a link on the school website to the gym store. Gym socks are to be athletic socks that do not come higher than the bottom of the calf. Light up sneakers, roller skate sneakers, and sneakers with zippers instead of laces are not allowed.

A change of clothing is required for gym and a description of the gym uniform is as follows: Pope John XXIII Middle School shorts and t-shirt and approved spirit wear items and sneakers. Only standard sneakers are to be worn in gym classes.

During the winter Pope John XXIII Middle School's own school sweatshirt and pants should be worn over the regular gym uniform during gym class.

Tag Day Guidelines

There will be days throughout the school year when students are permitted to wear their own clothing ("Tag Days"). On these occasions, students may be asked to pay a certain amount of money for the opportunity to wear their own clothes.

On "Tag Days" students may wear:

- Jeans or khaki pants
- Tennis shoes/sneakers
- Khaki shorts no shorter than three inches above the center of the knee (no gym shorts)
- Skirts or dresses no shorter than three inches above the center of the knee
- Tasteful T-shirts

On "Tag Days" students may NOT wear:

- Flip-flop sandals or open back shoes (including UGG slippers)
- Tank tops
- T-shirts with inappropriate writing
- Tennis shoes/sneakers that convert to roller skates
- Sweatpants or gym shorts
- Jeans with holes
- Pajama pants
- Make-up
- Low cut blouses/tops
- Clothing that is extremely tight or immodest, such as leggings, jeggings, or spandex
- Hats

General Rule of Thumb: *If you think you shouldn't wear it, then you shouldn't.*

All uniform regulations and guidelines are subject to the discretion of the administration.